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FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 0510

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, BC, RH

SUBJECT: BOTSWANA BORDER THREAT

REF: A. GABORONE 496; B. GABORONE 466; C. GABORONE 463

1. GENERATING A FOOTNOTE TO PREVIOUS REPORTING ON THIS
SUBJECT, DCM RAISED MATTER MARCH 1 WITH PRESIDENTIAL
ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY TIBONE.

2. TIBONE SAID GOB REMAINED CONVINCED THAT RHODESIANS INDEED
WERE PLANNING LARGE-SCALE MILITARY OPERATION AGAINST BOTSWANA.
HE SAID THEIR INFORMANTION HAD INCLUDED A SPECIFIC DATE (STILL
IN THE FUTURE), AND HAD INDICATED AN AMOUNT OF PLANNING AND
PREPARATION THAT COULD ONLY BEFIT A LARGE, CGORDINATED STRIKE
OF SOME SORT. HE THOUGHT MOST LIKELY TARGET WOULD BE FRANCIS-
TOWN REFUGEE CENTER. THE CONCEDED THAT GOB'S PUBLIC ANNOUNCE-
MENT MIGHT HAVE CAUSED RHODESIANS TO CANCEL PLANS FOR
STRIKE, BUT CONSIDERED IT MORE PROBABLY THAT SUCH
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ACTION WOULD SIMPLY BE POSTPONED UNTIL LATER, LESS ANTI-
CIPATED TIME.

3. TIBONE ENEDED THIS PART OF OUR CONVERSATION BY SAYING
THAT EVEN IF RHODESIA DOES EVENTUALLY ATTACK, AT LEAST
NOW THE BOTSWANA PUBLIC CANNOT SAY THEIR GOVERNMENT
HAD NOT GIVEN THEM FAIR WARNING.

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